



Bible Reading Plan

WEEK 23
SEPTEMBER 21 - 27



Using The Bible Reading Plan

The mark of a growing disciple is the discipline to self-feed. During this unprecedented time, the Lord is redirecting His people to pause and rediscover Him and His ways afresh. This is the heart behind our Bible Reading Plan - that we, as a church will delight the Father when we are growing in our love for Him and allowing His Spirit to move us in obeying His Word in our lives.

The Bible Reading Plan comprises a daily passage with reflection questions to guide you in meditation. You can also journal what God's Spirit is prompting you to do in applying the Word. We pray that as you carve out unhurried time to encounter God, you will revitalise your spiritual life and encourage others to experience likewise!



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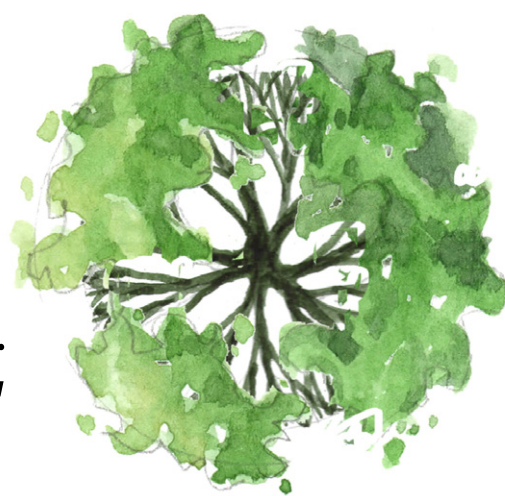
This Week's Focus

We will examine the topic of submission to authority. Submission is not a popular word today as it implies weakness. However, this is contrary to what Scripture teaches. In the Bible, submission is a sign of strength - best exemplified in the life of Christ who though being equal with God Himself, submitted fully to the will of the Father. May you be reminded to posture your heart to emulate the submission of Christ as you read and ponder on this week's readings.

September 21

MONDAY

"For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?"
– **Romans 13:3 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Romans 13 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

According to Romans 13:1-6, why do we need to submit to the governing authorities?

How do you respect and honour the governing authorities? (v 7)

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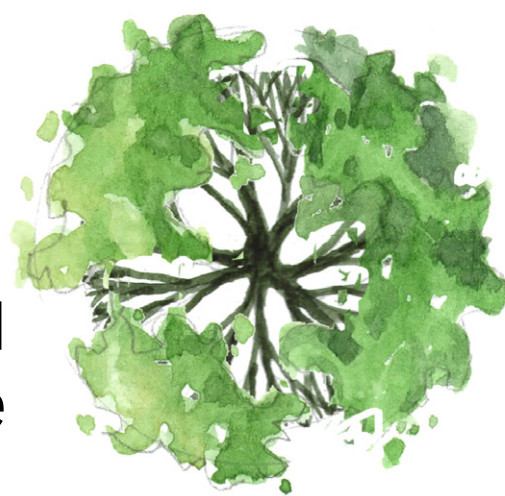
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September 22

TUESDAY

"But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless." - **Titus 3:9 (NIV)**



Today's Meditation

Titus 3:1-11 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

"... so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good." (v 8). Why should we devote ourselves to doing what is good? (v 3-7)

As believers, subject to rulers and authorities, we are called to “be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good ...” (v 1) How then can you be a good citizen, in your sphere of influence?

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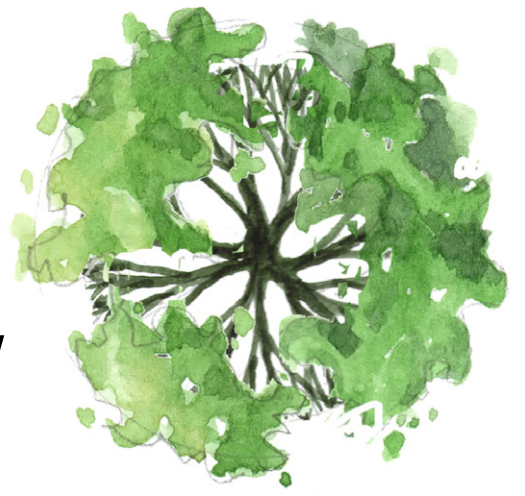
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September 23

WEDNESDAY

"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." - **Matthew 22:21 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Matthew 22:15-22 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What does it mean to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's?
What does this passage tell you about Jesus's view of a believer's relationship with a non-Christian government?

Take time to consider any potential areas where you might feel challenged to submit to the ruling authorities.

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September 24

THURSDAY



"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." - **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)**

Today's Meditation

1 Timothy 2:1-7 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Why does Apostle Paul exhort us to pray for "all those in authority"?
How does it benefit the people/nation?

Let's begin praying now for our "kings and those in authority" with these prayer pointers by Love Singapore.



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September 25

FRIDAY



"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." - **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NIV)**

Today's Meditation

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What does it mean to "hold your leaders in the highest regard in love"? (See *How to Love and Support Your Spiritual Leaders* in **Additional Resources**)

Think about those in your life “who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you”. (v 12) How will you acknowledge their hard work and express your thankfulness to them today?

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September 26

SATURDAY

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."
- **Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)**



Today's Meditation

Hebrews 13:7-18 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Why is it detrimental to the sheep (the congregation) if the work of a pastor/leader becomes a burden to him/her? (v 17)

List 3 practical things you can do to support your cell leader so that their work as a shepherd is not a burden to them?

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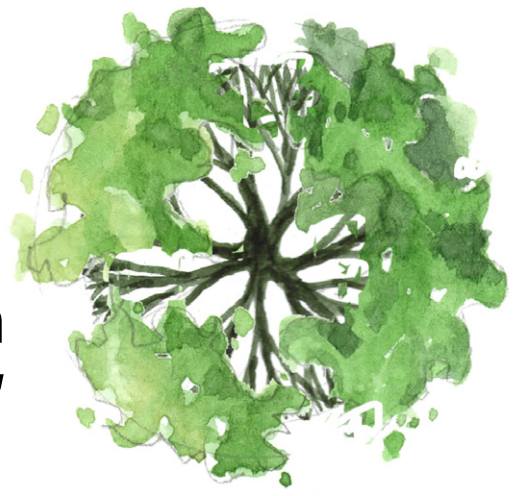
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September 27

SUNDAY

"And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man
He made into a woman and brought her to the man."
- **Genesis 2:22 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Genesis 2:15-25 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What does it mean that "a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh"? (v 24). How can the family of origin facilitate this process?

God created man and woman to have complementary functions – to work together harmoniously to glorify God. Think about your role in your natural family. How can you glorify God in your respective role?

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Additional Resources

Article: Submitting to Authority

by Dr. Eric J. Silverman, CRU

(<https://rlc.sg/33Hxudc>)

Article: Six Things Submission is Not

by John Piper, Desiring God

(<https://rlc.sg/3ktukkh>)

Article: How to Love and Support Your Spiritual Leaders

by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

(<https://rlc.sg/32DUpXN>)

Song: Do Everything

by Steven Curtis Chapman

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVTelMursb8>)



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